

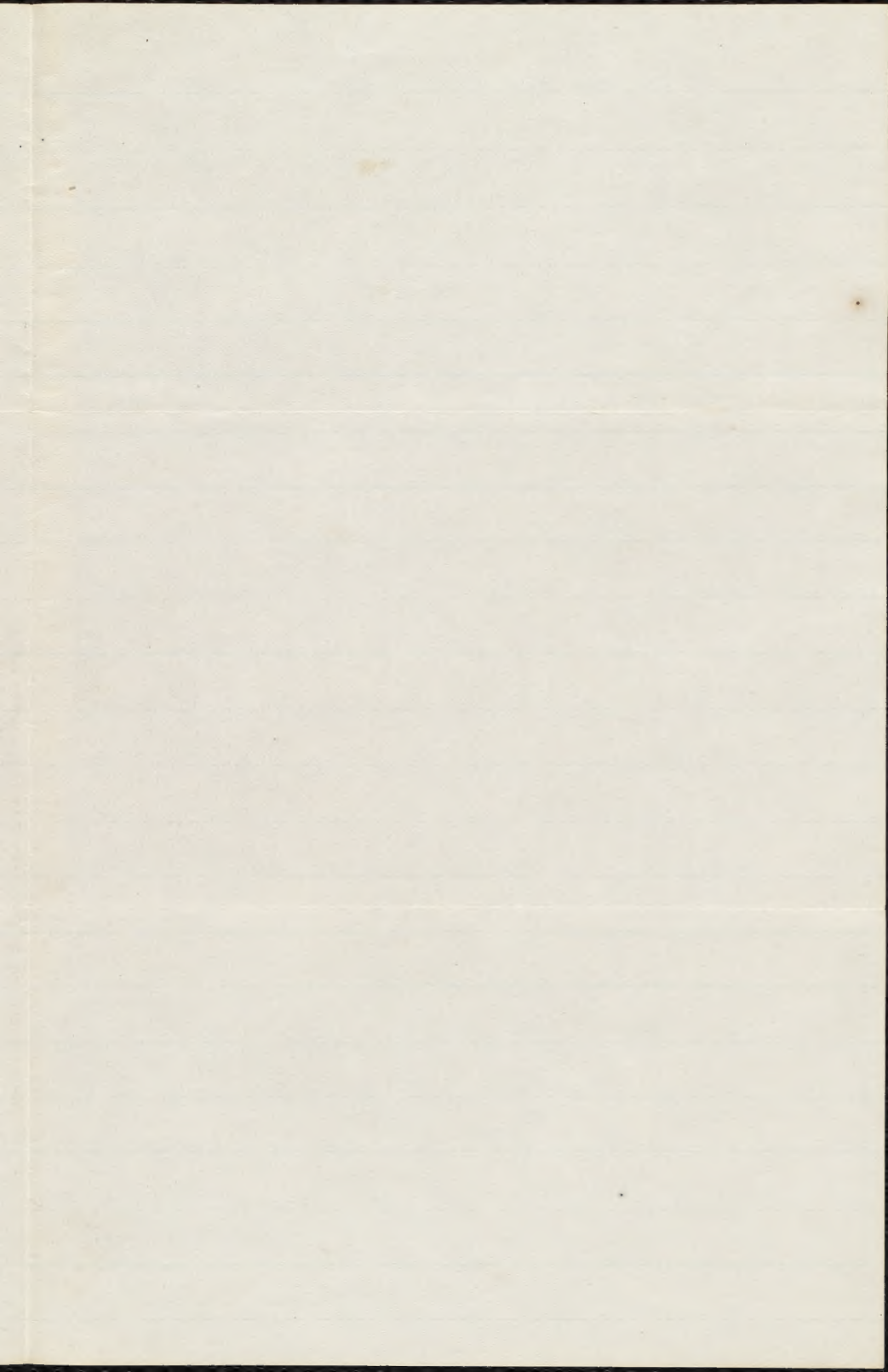
Leicester,
May 17 /71.

Dear Garrison,

16 When you spoke to me of your
intention to attend the Longwood Meeting,
and expressed the wish that I would
go with you, I felt very strongly
moved to declare at once that I would
go.

I greatly fear, now, that
I cannot. I have, — to my own
great wonder, — undertaken to do, for
the Town, a job of work, which will
(almost certainly) occupy me until
after the time of the Longwood meeting, —
and, while it does occupy me, it will
be in the closest manner, and to the
absolute exclusion of every other
occupation, requiring more than a few
minutes of time. I wish I could
think it would be done by the 5th or 6th
of June, — but it isn't likely. Ever
& truly Yours Saml May.

* I agreed 2 months ago, to do it, & give three months to it, &
to so much of June as might be necessary.



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